

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 377
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor Vernon McBride, Jr. on the occasion of
his retirement as Lauderdale County Court
Clerk.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those
dedicated and diligent public servants who in their years of work have performed their duties
with the public good always in mind; and

WHEREAS, Vernon McBride, Jr. is one such outstanding person who has served with
alacrity and acuity for 32 years as Lauderdale County Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a
great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he was born August 8, 1934 to Vernon and Beulah Kate Stewart McBride
and has spent his entire life in Lauderdale County, attending schools there and graduating from
Ripley High School in 1952; and

WHEREAS, his first job was helping his parents run the family-owned McBride Grocery
store; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride owned and operated the successful McBride Implement
Company, the John Deere Dealership, from 1960 to 1965; and

WHEREAS, heeding the call to public service, he was elected to the County Court in
1960 as a magistrate and served admirably on the Court for five years; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 the County Court wisely chose him to fill the term of the late County
Court Clerk W. C. Utley. In 1966, the voters overwhelmingly endorsed his service and Mr.

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McBride has served ably in that position ever since; and

WHEREAS, he is a true representative of the finest traditions of the Volunteer State as an active and vital part of the community. He is a former Director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Company of Lauderdale County, is a Director of the Lauderdale County Farm Bureau and a valued member of the Ripley Stock Club, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Chamber of Commerce, the Ripley Circuit Men's Club, and the Tennessee County Clerks Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride evinces his strong faith as a lifetime member of the Asbury United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 1952, he was married to Linnie Hurt of Halls and this happy union has produced three successful children, Linda McBride Bumpus of Madison, Vernon McBride, III of Ripley and Barbara McBride Weaver of Hickory Valley and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he has been widely praised for his cheerful manner, willingness to help, competence and for the numerous improvements he has made in the Clerk's office. It is therefore fitting that we specially recognize and commend his outstanding service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Vernon McBride, Jr. our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.